

heaven, have found many obstacles to contend with in this raw country, as was evidenced even in the Pottawatomie school fund matter. A few white men of A. P. A. propensities, married into the tribe, with probably a dozen of half-breeds, aided by communications in a local paper disseminating specious arguments and misrepresentations of the Sacred Heart Mission school, undertook to persuade the Citizen band to have said fund paid out per capita to the members of the band. But thanks to the Christian efforts of influential men like Col. George L. Young, Alex.

the fostering care of the Benedictine Fathers and the Sisters of St. Mary's Academy, will grow up to be industrious, useful, Christian citizens—and their daughters virtuous women—well prepared to fill the various stations and duties of life. One of this number mentioned above will one day be able to carry out the Levitical name of his tribe, viz., to "Po-tou-wa," i. e., to "kindle the torch of faith" and carry it forth among the Indian tribes yet in the darkness of error. He is perusing with eagerness and zeal his course for the sacred ministry. The young In-



Front View of Sacred Heart Mission, Oklahoma Territory.

B. Peltier and Stephen Negahnquet, the conservative full bloods, the intelligent half blood element, and the liberal class of intermarried white citizens voted to have said fund paid to the mission. These Indians know too well who have been their true friends; appreciate too well the value of a Catholic training; are too shrewd to be misled by plausible reasoning, and are otherwise too christianized to be induced to withdraw their children from a Catholic institution for the sake of sending them to district schools. They also know that their children, under

dian was placed by his father, Stephen Negahnquet, under the care of the Fathers in 1888, at the age of 13, and made his first holy communion the following year. He has shown himself quite as energetic in his studies as any of the white boys, and last year was honored with the holy habit of the Benedictine Order. Dom Bede, his name in religion, also made his profession last November 13th. Dom Bede hails from an intelligent and worthy Christian family. His father being a graduate of St. Mary's mission, Kansas, is well able to be the representative